



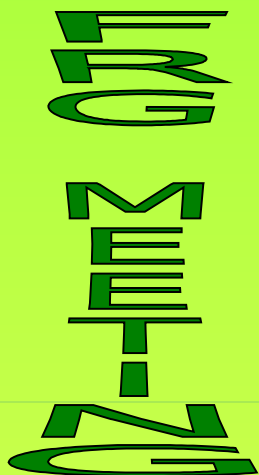
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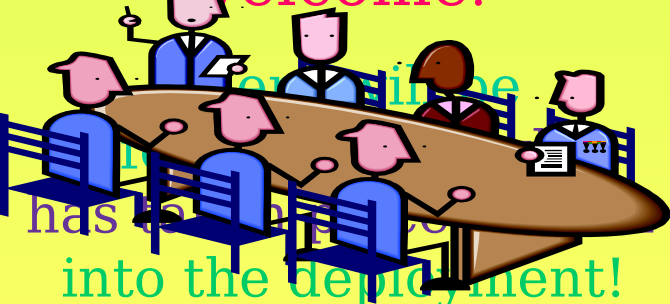


DECEMBER 7th,
6:00p.m.

Bldg 6, Pioneer
Kaserne

3rd floor Conference
Room

Everyone is
welcome.



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**Supporting our TROOPS from
the**

HOMEFRONT
To all family members
including those stateside

We are planning to send Christmas care packages to the soldiers downrange. If you or anyone you know would like to make a soldiers Christmas one they will never forget please take part in this generous act of kindness. We know the holidays can be a very trying time for the them so lets show our support and appreciation.



You can mail all donations
320th Engineer Compa



Unit 20193 Box 0044
Apo Ae 09165

STRAIGHT FROM THE COMMANDER

Family and Friends of the 320th Engineer Company,
Greetings from Iraq. Your Soldiers are doing great work here in Iraq! The company completed our Relief in Place / Transfer of Authority (RIP / TOA) with the 175th Engineer Company (FT Bragg) on 25 October, 2005. On that date, we officially assumed our mission ISO OIF 05-07. Everyday the Terrain Platoon creates awesome Terrain Analysis Products and Maps in support of the Global War on Terrorism. A few of our Soldiers have moved to LSA Anaconda and will be supporting the 3rd COSCOM and the 130th Engineer Brigade S2 section with Terrain Analysis. The Survey Platoon just completed their first mission the other day, a site survey in support of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Survey Platoon has many more missions ahead of them this month, and many more to follow as they continue to impress their customers here in Iraq. Production Platoon has been mass producing maps, in addition to distributing standard maps to many different services and joint forces deployed here. Support Platoon and the Maintenance Section have stayed busy getting shop set up in the Motorpool. The Mechanics led by SFC Scott have stepped up to the plate and have dutifully accepted the mission to ensure each and every vehicle we send out is fully mission capable and safe to operate. In addition to doing our everyday mission, we have the responsibility to support certain agencies here on Camp Victory. This is a requirement that supports the quality of life here on Camp Victory. Currently, we have Soldiers supporting as escorts for Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR), Palace Guard for Maintenance Workers, and Postal Detail. The Soldiers selected to serve in these areas have answered the call of duty and have done a great job!

It means a lot to our Soldiers when they receive a package or letter from family and friends back home...and I have seen many of your care packages arriving over the last couple weeks.

As we enter the Thanksgiving Season, I want to say Thanks for all you do to support the 320th Engineer Company Soldiers deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Above and Beyond... Second to None... Long... Sappers!

CPT Rising

incredible job over the last month and a half. The Rear Detachment leadership remains committed to providing you quality and timely assistance throughout the deployment. As part of our commitment to service MSG Padgett and I will be visiting the homes of various 320th families during the month of November. We want you to be free to share your concerns and help us fix problems that you or other spouses are encountering in the Hanau Community. While we are targeting our soldiers who are on a first tour to Germany, we will gladly visit any family. If you are interested please contact your FRSA, Mrs. Fisher

As we look ahead for the next year my biggest concern for the 320th remains communication between spouses and the Rear Detachment. Please talk to the Rear Detachment if you have any issues

that you need assistance with. In His



A little R&R for yourself

**Spa treatment "Let Loose... Feel Good."
Enjoy 2 ½ hours USO special (facial, body massage, body wrap, full body aroma massage, foot massage.)**

Monthly dates are set for the customers residing in the Hanau area: Nov. 25, 9 a.m., Dec. 15, 9 a.m. All tours are for a maximum of seven people. The van will leave at 9 a.m. from Bldg. 19 Pioneer Kaserne, the SPA will start at 9:30; the group will divide, the first one will go shopping in Bad Orb, while the other one will start the therapy. After lunch, the groups will switch. Van will return to Hanau around 4 p.m. Evelin will charge 95 euro for a 2 ½ hours special.

Upcoming Events

November 28th

Where: wic/woc bldg

Time: TBA

Community spouses deployment meeting

November 24th

Where: Pioneer Dining Facility

Time: 11:30 - 1:30

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 30th

Where: bldg 6 3rd fl.

Time: 9:30-2:00

Christmas care packages for soldiers

All packages are to be wrapped individually and the FRG will box them up in big boxes

and mail them downrange.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

4TH Spc South Ashlei

9th Pfc Meza Luis

18th Spc Mathiak Glen

18th Spc Kleeman Lawrence

21st 2 Lt. Olson Karl

22nd Ma Savannah Oloi

22nd Sgt Valentine Pedro

24th Lil"Gregory Hyatte

25th Sgt Romo Alexzander



Library Story Hour



The Hanau library features a Pre-School story hour every Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Call mil 322-8942 for details



Crafters needed

Hand made crafts are needed

For the craft bazaar on Fliegerhorst Kaserne Dec 10th. All the proceeds well go to the 320th FRG. If you have questions please call Mrs. Hall @ 06181-954-3191 or Mrs. Scott @ 06181-906-2653

New Arrivals

The Plumley Family delivered

A healthy baby boy, Brian Jr.,

On October 12th.

The Cruz Family delivered a

Healthy baby boy, Xavier on

October 24th.



Hot off the Presses

320th ENG CO FRG Meeting Minutes for November 2nd

Attendees: Irma Cruz, Dory Gibson, Linda Tolbert, Ilka Scott, Amber Woerz, Christin Rising, Deborah Penaluna, Sharlot Hall, Mirella White, Adrianna Pelaez, Yvonne Myles, Shawanda Fisher, SFC Peveler, and Major Baker.

Upcoming Events: There is going to be a meeting for the spouses in the community with deployed soldiers. This is scheduled for 28 November @ the WIC/WOC on Wolfgang Kaserne in the early evening, the time will be sent out once it is received.

Christin talked about the Brigade Afghan. The brigade FRG is going to be selling these as a fundraiser. A completed sample should be arriving within the next two weeks. A deposit may be required. The completed Afghans should be arriving in February.

Adrianna Pelaez challenged everyone to bring a spouse who has not been coming to the next FRG meeting. She said that spouses may not be coming to regular FRG meetings because they don't know the people who are there.

Due to the limited amount of people who are still going to be in country for Thanksgiving, a decision was made to have Thanksgiving dinner at the DFAC instead of having a potluck. Rear Detachment is going to try and make arrangements so we can sit near each other. They will need to be notified of the amount of people who will be participating and the time that you will be eating. The time allotted to 130th Brigade is 1130-1330. The prices are as follows:

E1 - E4 \$5.80

E5 - O10 \$5.80

E1 - E4 Dependants \$4.90

E5 - O-10 Dependants \$5.80

Sgt. Tolbert is going to check on discounted prices for children. This information will be sent out once it is received.

The FRG Christmas party is scheduled for 9 December @ 1700. This is going to be a potluck at Ilka Scott's home, Bldg. 341 #2 on Sportsfield Kaserne. There will be a gift give away for children and adults. If you want your child to have a gift you may bring one for your own child/children to open; limit \$10.00 per child. For the adults, if you would like to participate and bring a gift, numbers will be drawn and the number that you pick will be the present that you receive; limit \$15.00. Sharlot Hall and Yvonne Myles are going to mail out information for this event. They will be asking who will be participating in the gift give-away and what dish you will be bringing. Spouses are asked to bring either a dessert or a side dish. A ham and a turkey will be provided.

Christmas care packages: Spouses at the meeting were asked to pick some soldiers to send a care package to. A list of remaining soldiers will be sent out if anyone else wants to participate. The limit for this is \$10.00-\$15.00 per soldier. Gifts need to be wrapped with the individual's name on the package and dropped off at brigade on 30 November by 5:00 p.m.. The presents will be mailed in large boxes down range. Ideas for the packages: Advent calendars, freeze pops, Gatorade, chocolate, Pringles, bubble gum, and sunflower seeds.

The FRG is also going to be sending a Christmas tree and decorations down range to the soldiers. If you have any extra Christmas decorations that you would like to donate, please notify SGT Tolbert at 06181-88-9053 and bring to brigade. The deadline for receiving these items is 21 November by 1700.

- ☐ **Spouse visits:** MAJ. Baker explained that rear detachment is trying to schedule visits with the spouses who are remaining in country. Any spouse who is on their first tour to Germany, regardless of rank or how long they have been in country qualifies for these visits. The visits will be at your own home and should last about 15 minutes. Spouses will be presented with the most recent newsletter and spouse call roster. They will answer questions and concerns that you may have. Also they also encourage you to participate in the upcoming meetings and events that FRG is planning.
- ☐ **News from down range:** SFC Peveler told us that the 320th ENG CO will be remaining at Camp Victory and will not be moving. With the exception of a few soldiers: SPC Gibson, SFC Dobrisky, SPC Mathiak, SGT Myles, and SSG Jones will be moving to Anaconda with Brigade.
- ☐ **The address for SPC Gibson, SGT Myles, and SSG Jones is:**
130th ENG BD
APO, AE 09391
LSA Anaconda
- ☐ **The address for SFC Dobrisky and SPC Mathiak is:**
HHC, 3rd COSCOM (G2 TERRAIN)
APO, AE 09391
- ☐ **The address for the remaining 320th ENG CO is:**
320th ENG CO
APO, AE 09342
- ☐ **Emergency leave/R&R Leave:** SFC Peveler advised everyone to be aware that the decision to count some types of emergency leave as R&R leave is up to the command.
- ☐ **OPSEC:** When talking on the phone or sending emails, remember not to use any type of specific information like dates and times.
- ☐ **VTC:** The Company is trying to arrange a video teleconference for some time during the upcoming holiday season. The date has not been decided. Anyone who is interested in participating, please notify either Rear detachment or the FRG.
- ☐ **Survey Platoon:** They are in the process of surveying a drainage area in the land.
- ☐ **Production Platoon:** They are completing operation set up.
- ☐ **Terrain Platoon:** They are in the process of making products like maps.
- ☐ **Support Platoon:** They are keeping busy better equipping the vehicles.
- ☐ **Fundraisers:** Ilka Scott and Sharlot Hall are working on making quilts and other items to participate in the Christmas Bizarre. This Bizarre is going to be held on 10 December on Fliegerhorst Kaserne, the time and location have not been announced yet. They are making two different designs for the quilts. One is a patriotic one with red, white, and blue. The other is made out of old BDU's or DCU's. If you have any extra uniforms that you would like to donate please notify the FRG at frg320th@yahoo.com.
- ☐ **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for 7 December @ 1800. We will let you know of the location when it is decided.
- ☐ **If you have info or pictures you want to add to the newsletter please email them to shawanda.fisher@130thengineers.army.mil**

FROM THE DESERT

